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Sponsor Pioneer Days 2009!

Plans are underway for the 73rd annual Twentynine Palms 2009 Pioneer Days celebration this October 15-18. The annual series of events invites residents and visitors to come together to celebrate the rich mining and traditional western history of the geographically and culturally unique Twentynine Palms area.

Located at about the halfway point between Las Vegas and Los Angeles in the historic greater Southern California desert area, Twentynine Palms is the home of the world-renowned Joshua Tree National Park and the Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center, the largest Marine Base (by area) in the United States.

The City of Twentynine Palms, incorporated in November of 1987, boasts a thriving music, art, and theater colony and is known internationally for its natural beauty, vistas, geology, botany, zoology, night sky, and unique environment.

Hard-working volunteers and staff at the Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce have already been hard at work filing for permits, preparing the events schedule, and making the many arrangements needed for a safe and successful Carnival and parade.

Pioneer Days Chairman Rob Fleck says, "This year is already shaping up well and will include favorite events like the Haunted House hosted by Theatre 29, the Fireman's Dinner and Dance hosted by the Twentynine Palms Fire Department, the Saturday Pioneer Days Parade hosted by the Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce, and the Chili Dinner hosted by the Twentynine Palms Art Gallery, among many others."

In addition to the traditional events, new events that have been added to this year's fun-filled Pioneer Days weekend including a "Willie Boy" historical production hosted by the Historical Society, a Burger Cook-off hosted by the Morongo Basin Red Cross and a "Celebrate 29!" art show hosted by the Public Arts Advisory Council.

Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce President Gary Daigneault urges area businesses and service organizations to start thinking and planning on how they can help support the annual community-pride event. Daigneault said, "The Chamber of Commerce is currently in the process of looking for sponsorships for the various Pioneer Days Events. Sponsorship opportunities so far include the beer garden, buttons, port-a-potties, clean-up, the Grand Marshall Luncheon and even our insurance coverage!"

If you, your business, or your organization is interested in sponsoring a particular piece of the Pioneer Days 2009 event, please contact Chamber Executive Director Jessica Wagner-Schultz at (760) 367-3445.